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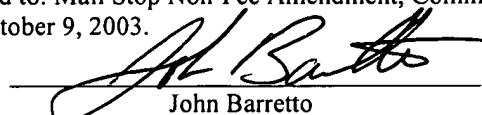
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Applicant responds to the Requirement for Restriction mailed September 9, 2003 in the above-referenced application. A response is due by October 9, 2003. Therefore, this Amendment and Response is timely filed.

Please amend the application as set forth on the following pages.